

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of May 14, 2015

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, May 14, 2015, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairman Stein at 1:05 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Robert Stein Chairman	James J. Murphy, Jr. Vice Chairman
Michael Caron (designee for Chairman House)	Barbara Currier Bell
Robert Hannon (designee for Commissioner Klee)	Daniel P. Lynch, Jr. Philip T. Ashton Michael W. Klemens

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman Acting Executive Director/Staff Attorney	Robert Mercier Siting Analyst
Fred Cunliffe Supervising Siting Analyst	Michael Perrone Siting Analyst
Christina Walsh Supervising Siting Analyst	

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of April 30, 2015.

Dr. Bell moved to approve the minutes of April 30, 2015, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed with Dr. Klemens abstaining.

DOCKET 192B- CPV Towantic, LLC Motion to Reopen and Modify the June 23, 1999 Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b) for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 785 MW dual-fuel combined cycle electric generating facility located north of the Prokop Road and Towantic Hill Road intersection in the Town of Oxford, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

Mr. Caron stated for the record that he is familiar with the record of the proceeding and is prepared to vote on the matter.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Dr. Bell and Chairman Stein voting no and Dr. Klemens recusing.

Mr. Caron left the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

DOCKET NO. 455 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Southington Tax Assessor Map/Lot 066053, 99 East Street, Southington, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.

Chairman Stein stated for the record that he read the transcripts of the proceeding.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 457 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Monroe Tax Assessor's Map 107, Parcel 8.02, 30 Cobblers Hill Court, Monroe, Connecticut. Acknowledgement of Withdrawal.

Mr. Murphy moved to acknowledge the withdrawal of this application without prejudice, and to grant a one year extension, until June 30, 2016, for the existing temporary telecommunications facility located at 375 Fan Hill Road, Monroe, Connecticut (EM-CING-085-121218), seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1148 – Bloom Energy Corporation, as an agent for Home Depot USA, Inc., petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the location and construction of a Customer-Side 200-Kilowatt Fuel Cell to be located at the Home Depot store at 600 Connecticut Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut. Decision.

Dr. Bell moved to approve this petition with the condition that the Council receives a copy of the building permit sign off from the Norwalk Planning & Zoning Department on the fuel cell project, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1152 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed installation of a temporary telecommunications facility located at East Lyme Tax Assessor Map 30, Lot 1, Ancient Highway, East Lyme, Connecticut. Request for Party/Intervenor Status. Decision.

Mr. Murphy moved to grant intervenor status to the East Lyme Residents for Responsible Cell Tower Placement, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashton moved to grant intervenor status to Tim Highman, seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy moved to set October 7, 2015, as the date by which the Council shall render a decision on this petition, seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-CING-034-140220 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 52 Stadley Rough Road, Danbury, Connecticut. Revision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the revisions to this tower share request with the previous conditions of approval still incorporated, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters.

Managing Temporary Linear Impacts Associated with Transmission Line Upgrades as it Pertains to Wetland-Dependent Biodiversity.

The Council discussed the April 20, 2015 memo from Dr. Klemens to Council Members and staff. The memo will be sent to the industry for a 30-day comment period.

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Thursday, May 28, 2015, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, June 2, 2015, Docket No. 458 Bethel, **PLEASE NOTE the Council should meet at 1:30 pm at the Bethel Town Hall to carpool to the site for the 2:00 p.m. field review as there is limited parking.** A hearing will follow at 3:00 p.m./7:00 p.m. at the Bethel Town Hall, General Purpose Room, One School Street, Bethel, Connecticut.
- Thursday, June 11, 2015, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, June 25, 2015, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, June 30, 2015, beginning at **2:00 p.m. (field review)/3:00 p.m./7:00 p.m. public hearing** for Docket No. 459 at the Glastonbury Town Hall, Council Chambers, 2155 Main Street, Glastonbury, Connecticut.

Adjournment.

Mr. Ashton moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stein
Chairman

RS/cm